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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TSANOV VISIT AND JOINT STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL
TRADE

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1. ON JUNE 19, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED TSANOV'S VISIT AND
NEGOTIATION ON JOINT AGRICULTURAL EPATEMENT WITH GOTSEG
OF MFA. AMBASSADOR NOTED POSSIBILITIES WITH
RESPECT TO
WEEK OF JULY 16, BUT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR AGREEMENT ON JOINT
STATEMENT SINCE A PRIMARY PURPOSE OF TSANOV'S VISIT WOULD
BE SIGNING ODRAN AGREED JOINT STATEMENT. GOTSEV TOOK
NOTE OF CONTINGENT POSSIBILITY OF MEETING FOR SUJNATURE
ON JULY 17 AND LUNCHEON ON JULY 18, PROVIDED JOINT STATE-
MENT COULD BE AGREED ON IN TIME FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO BE
MADE. GOTSEV UNDERSTANDS THAT TSANOV AND HIS PARTY WOULD
PAY THEIR OWN EXPENSES THROUGHOUT.

2. GOTSEV SAID THAT IT WAS UNDERSTANDING OF MFA THAT THE
MCISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WOULD BE FULLY PREPARED TO PROCEED
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WITH NEGOTIATION OF JOINT STATEMENT BY END OF LASTIEEK,
AND HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER PROMPTLY.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT POSSIBILITY OF MID-JULY VISIT BE
JCT OPEN IN CASE THE BULGARIANS REPLY SOON AND FAVORABLY
WITH RESPECT TO THE JOINT STATEMENT. NPE UNDERSTAND THAT
THE MATTER CANNOT BE LEFT TO THE LAST MINUTE, BUT WE BELIEVE

THERE IS REASONABLE PROSPECT OF A FAIRLY PROMPT BULGARIAN
RESPONSE WHICH WOULD INDICATE WHETHER THERE WILL BE
DIFFICULTIES IN REACHING AN AGREED TEXT.
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